

PRAY • CHRISTMAS IS THE SEASON OF WISHES • WHAT ARE YOUR REAL WISHES?

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## “Your Kingdom Come”

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WALKTHROUGH: 26-28 / 29-33 (KINGDOM IS COMING) / 34 (EASY ANSWER) / 35-37 !!

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MAY YOUR KINGDOM COME

## Take it Home

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- ➔ Play games with kids during lunch.

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